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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gordon et al.
Serial No. : 09/484,577
Filed : January 18, 2000
Title : NUCLEIC ACIDS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF GIANT CELL ARTERITIS (AMENDED)
Art Unit : 1644
Examiner : Jessica Roark, Ph.D.

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed October 11, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due January 11, 2003. A Petition for a One-month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are enclosed with the Response, extending the time to respond up to and including February 11, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter and Petition for Extension of Time;
- Check in the amount of \$55.00;
- Example 14 of Revised Interim Written Description Guidelines Training Materials;
- Trilateral Project 24.1, pages 1-17 of 31; and
- Postcard.

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